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Executive Summary

The SFY 2000 Division of Children and Family Service's Annual Report Card is divided into three main sections: Part I, Performance Indicators, which provides information on service outcomes; Part II, Compliance Index, which reports on the Division's compliance with requirements set by DCFS with guidance from the Joint Interim Committee on Children and Youth; and Part III, Description of Population and Services, which describes the children who were the subjects of maltreatment reports, children who were served in foster care, as well as those provided adoption services.

In SFY 2000, the Division improved or remained steady in six of its eight performance indicators, which measure the Division's progress with regard to its major goals of child safety and family preservation and permanency.

- The **percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment after a previous true report** was the lowest in the past five annual reports, and the Division continued to ensure that children in its foster homes are safe from instances of abuse and neglect.
- The **percentage of children receiving protective services who were abused or neglected or who entered foster care within one year of the initiation of services** was lower than the previous year, and the percentage for supportive services also remained very low.
- The **percentage of siblings in placement who were placed together** was up from previous years.

However, there were areas for improvement:

- The **percentage of children entering foster care who return home within eighteen months** stood at **62 percent** (3 percentage points lower than SFY 1999). A smaller percentage of children returned home within 6, 12, and 15 months as well. Taken together, these percentages suggest that the children who entered care eighteen months ago have returned home at a slower rate than has been reported in previous annual reports.
- The **percentage of children entering foster care who experienced more than three placements within the past 18 months** stood at **16 percent** (5 percentage points lower than SFY 1999). This percentage is a considerable improvement from previous years, and is very close to the goal of 15 percent.
- The **percentage of children living with adoptive families within twelve months of termination of parental rights** stood at **20 percent** (14 percentage points lower than SFY 1999). This year's percentage was down considerably from previous years, which indicates that it took longer for children to be placed with adoptive families after their parental rights had been

terminated in SFY 2000. (It should be noted that the actual number of children placed after termination the past two fiscal years was considerably higher than in previous years, which indicates that the Division has increased its efforts to permanently place significantly more children after parental rights have been terminated.)

The Division also met or exceeded the compliance goal in five of the seven compliance requirements developed in conjunction with the Joint Interim Committee on Children and Youth.

- The Division remained above compliance standards in the **timely initiation of child maltreatment assessments**, and made significant improvements in the **timely completion** of those assessments.
- The Division also remained above the compliance goal for **24-hour initial health screenings**.

However, the Division did not meet goals in one of the compliance requirements:

- The compliance rate for **comprehensive health assessments** stood at **84 percent**, up from the SFY 1999 compliance rate (73 percent) yet still below the stated goal of 90 percent.

Overall, the Division has made progress in meeting the compliance requirements. Great strides were made in the completion of child maltreatment assessments, and the Division continued to see that children in its care receive initial 24-hour health screenings. Improvement was also seen in the area of comprehensive health assessments as well as foster home recruitment and re-evaluation. However, further efforts will be made in increasing compliance in comprehensive health assessments.

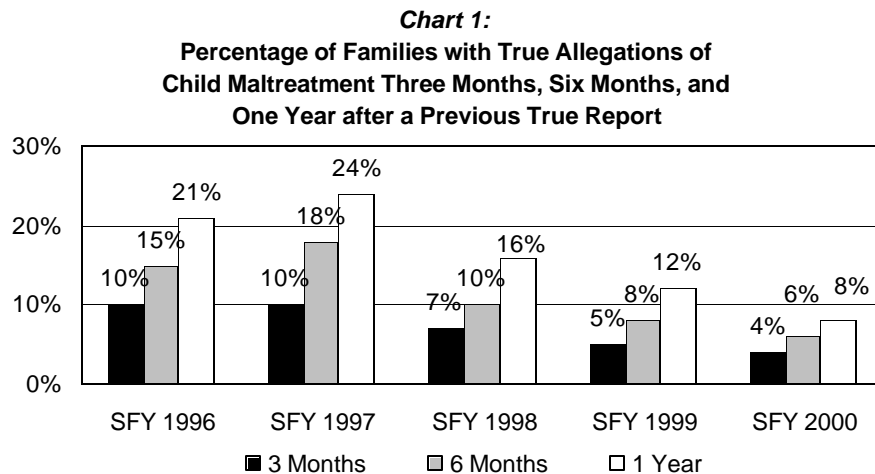
PART I: PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Division has established eight performance measures that indicate its level of achievement of its major goals of child safety and family preservation and permanency:

- *Percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment within three months, six months, and one year after a previous true report.*
- *Percentage of foster families with true cases of maltreatment.*
- *Percentage of children receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or Intensive Family Services (IFS) who were abused or neglected within one year of the initiation of services.*
- *Percentage of children receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS who entered foster care within one year of the initiation of services.*
- *Percentage of children entering foster care who return home within eighteen months.*
- *Percentage of children entering foster care who experienced more than three placements within the past eighteen months.*
- *Percentage of siblings in placement who are placed together.*
- *Percentage of children living with adoptive families within twelve months of termination of parental rights.*

Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year After a Previous True Report

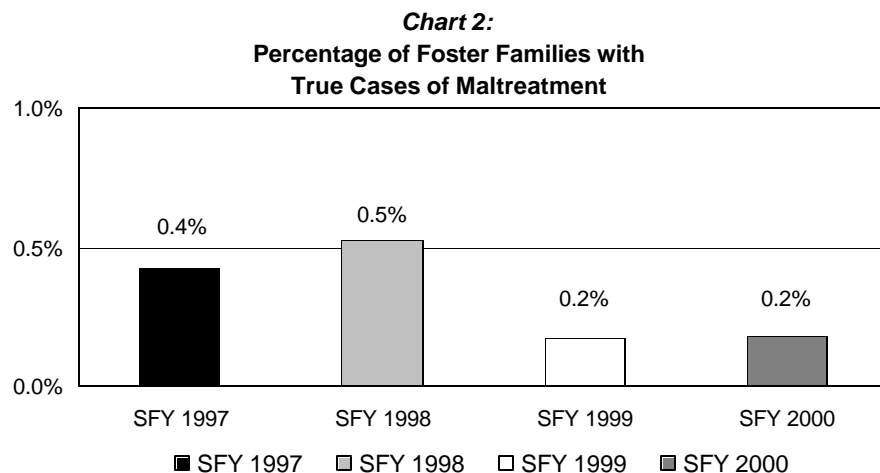
Of the 5,822 families who were involved in a true report of maltreatment between July 1998 and June 1999, 240 families (4 percent) experienced a repeat true allegation of maltreatment within 3 months of the initial report. Of those same 5,822 families, 359 families (6 percent) were involved in a repeat true



report within 6 months of the original report and 464 (8 percent) were involved in a repeat true report within 12 months of the first report¹. **These numbers were more favorable than those of SFY 1999, and demonstrate a pattern of steady improvement since SFY 1996.**

Percentage of Foster Families with True Cases of Maltreatment

There were 29 foster home maltreatment reports received during SFY 1999. Of these 29 reports, only 7 were found to be true, or an average of 1.75 true reports per quarter. Based upon an average of 1,000 active DCFS foster homes each quarter, **the percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment was 0.2 percent.** This percentage was the same as SFY 1999, and **demonstrates DCFS' continued ability to provide safe homes for foster care children.**

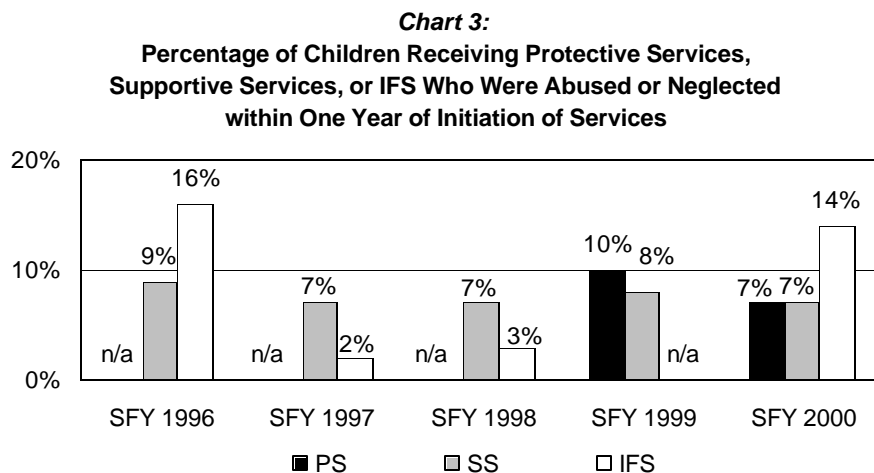


¹ Of the 464 repeat referrals during the year, over half (258, or 56 percent) involved the same type of abuse and the same perpetrator.

Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS Who Were Abused or Neglected Within One Year of Initiation of Services

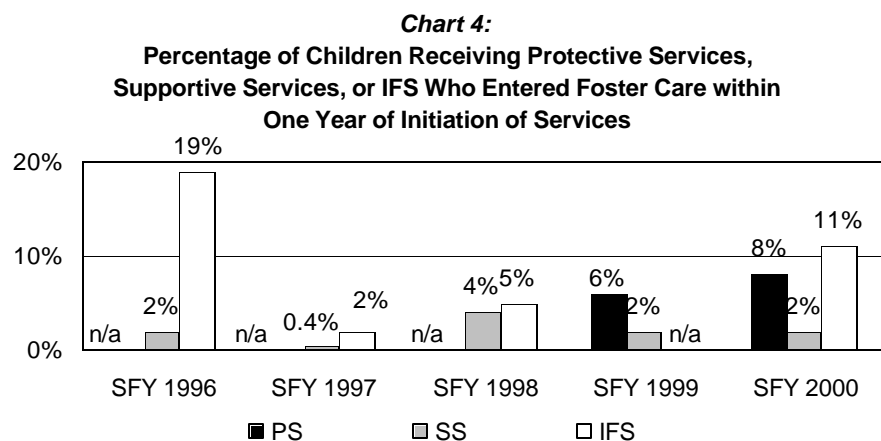
There were 10,880 children who began receiving protective services between July 1998 and June 1999. Of those children, 735 (7 percent) experienced a new true report of maltreatment within one year of beginning this service. There were 1,763 children who began supportive services during the

same time period, and of that number, 128 children (7 percent) were involved in a true maltreatment report within one year of initiation of services. Of the 629 children who began receiving IFS, 89 children (14 percent) were involved in a true report within a year of the initiation of services².



Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS Who Entered Foster Care Within One Year of Initiation of Services

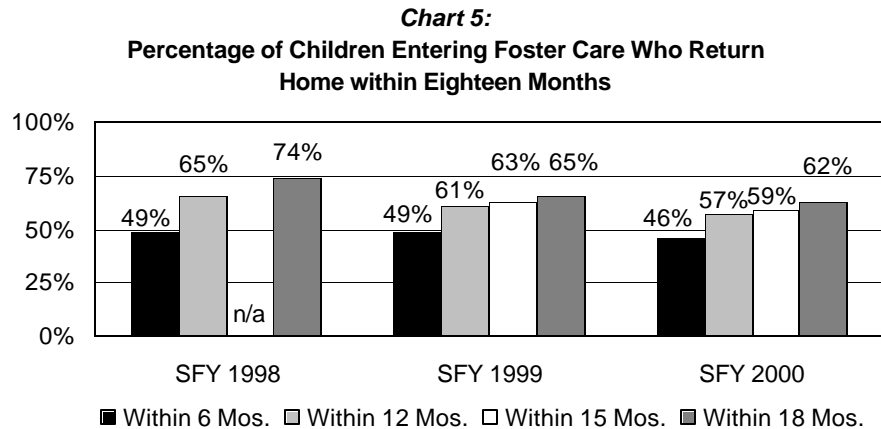
Of those 10,880 children who began receiving protective services between July 1998 and June 1999, only 917 children (8 percent) entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Of the 1,763 children who began receiving supportive services during the same period, only 43 children (2 percent) entered foster care within one year of initiation of services. Of the 629 children who began receiving IFS, 66 children (11 percent) entered care within a year of the initiation of services.



² Generally, families receiving Supportive Services have less severe problems, while families receiving IFS are by definition in imminent risk of having one or more children placed in foster care or already have children in foster care, with Protective Services families falling somewhere between those extremes. In this light, it is not surprising that IFS tends to have the highest rate of abuse and neglect or entry into foster care.

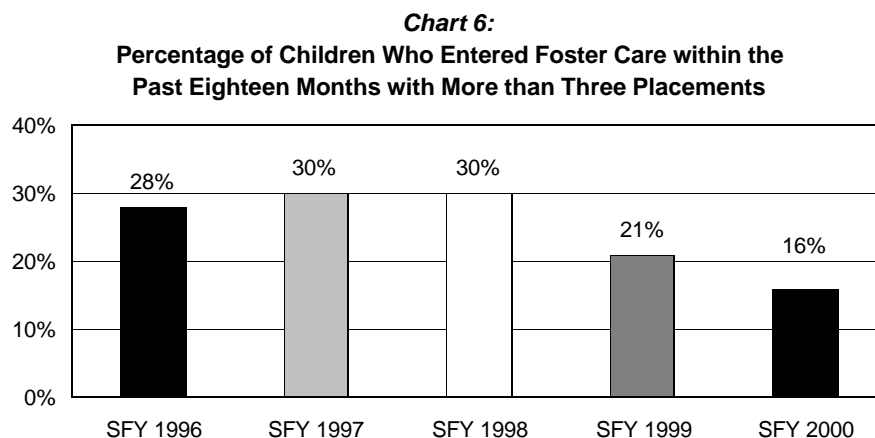
Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care Who Return Home within Eighteen Months

There were 2,357 children who entered foster care between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 1998. Of that number, 46 percent (1,092 children) returned home within 6 months, 57 percent (1,333 children) returned home within 12 months, 59 percent (1,397 children) returned home within 15 months, and 62 percent (1,470 children) returned home within 18 months of entering foster care.



Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care Who Experienced More Than Three Placements Within the Past Eighteen Months.

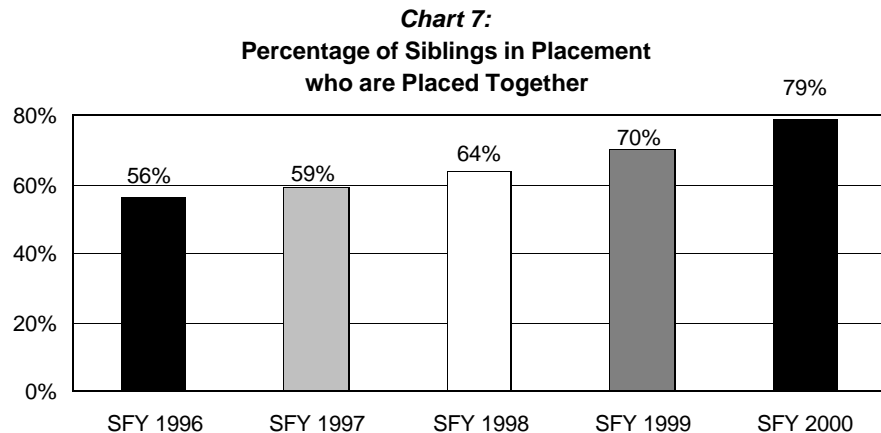
Of those same 2,357 children, 383 children (16 percent) experienced more than 3 placements within the past eighteen months.



This is the lowest percentage in the past four annual reports.

Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

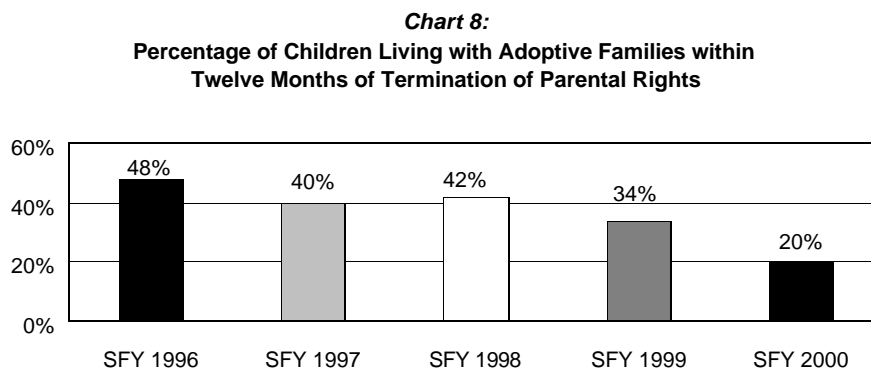
During SFY 2000, there were 3,257 children with siblings in foster care. Of those children, 2,560 children were placed with at least one of their siblings (79 percent). Of those same 3,257 children, 60 percent (1,961 children) were placed with all their siblings³. This year's percentage continues an upward trend in the percentage of siblings placed together, as the graph illustrates. **This compliance rate also reached the goal that 70 percent of children with siblings in foster care are placed with one or more of their siblings.**



Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within Twelve Months of Termination of Parental Rights

There were 343 children with the goal of adoption who had parental rights terminated between July 1998 and June 1999. Of those children, 69 children (20 percent) were placed with adoptive families

within 12 months of the termination of parental rights. This year's percentage was lower than SFY 1999 (34 percent), and represented the fewest number of children placed within twelve months of TPR in the past five annual reports.



³ These figures do not exclude children who have been placed separately due to a court order. As a result, these numbers are a more negative representation of sibling placement than is actually the case.

PART II: COMPLIANCE INDEX

These compliance requirements were set by DCFS with guidance from the Joint Interim Committee on Children and Youth in 1995. The index is compiled by computing the rates of compliance with the following requirements:

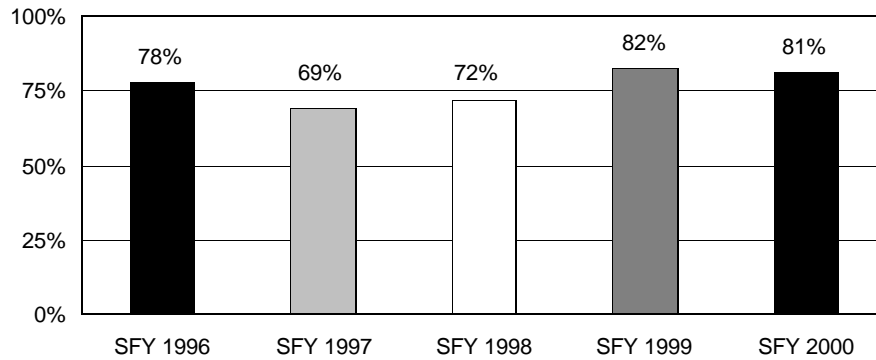
1. ***Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments.*** Timely initiation means the investigator interviews or observes the victim child outside the presence of the alleged offender within twenty-four hours of any alleged severe maltreatment or within seventy-two hours otherwise.
2. ***Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments.*** Timely completion means a determination must be made regarding an allegation of child maltreatment within thirty days of receipt of the allegation.
3. ***24-Hour Initial Health Screenings.*** This screening is conducted within twenty-four hours after removal from the home on children who enter foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment or if there is evidence of acute illness or injury.
4. ***72-Hour Initial Health Screenings.*** This screening is conducted within seventy-two hours after removal from the home on all children who enter foster care who are not subject to the twenty-four hour screening.
5. ***Comprehensive Health Assessment.*** The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate the physical and mental health status of all foster children and is to be completed within sixty days of a child's entering foster care.
6. ***Foster Home Recruitment.*** DCFS must ensure a sufficient number and variety of foster homes meeting minimal standards and matched to the needs and characteristics of foster children.
7. ***Foster Home Re-evaluation.*** DCFS must re-evaluate at least annually each foster home's ability to care for children.

Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments

For SFY 2000, the total number of child maltreatment reports assigned to DCFS stood at 12,057; of

that number, 9758 had child maltreatment assessments initiated in a timely fashion, resulting in an 81 percent compliance rate for the year. **This number was only slightly below the 82 percent compliance rate for SFY 1999, but was still above the goal of 80 percent.**

Chart 9:
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments

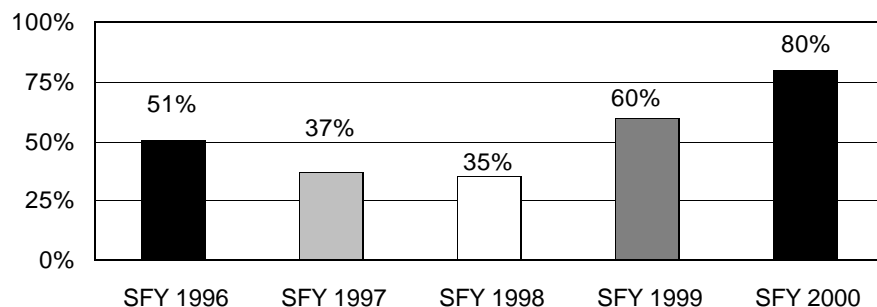


Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

Of the 12,057 child maltreatment assessments assigned to DCFS during this past fiscal year, 9,608 were completed within the required 30-day period, resulting in an 80 percent compliance rate, compared to a 60

percent compliance rate for SFY 1999. **This year's figure represents a noticeable improvement from previous years, and meets the goal of 80 percent compliance.**

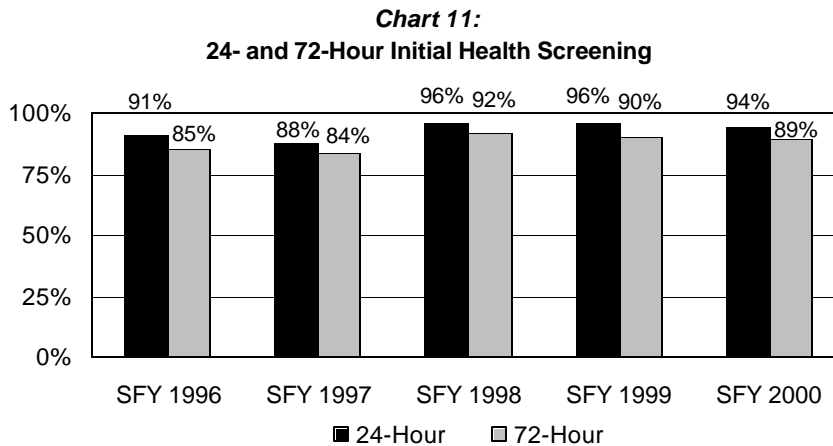
Chart 10:
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments



24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings

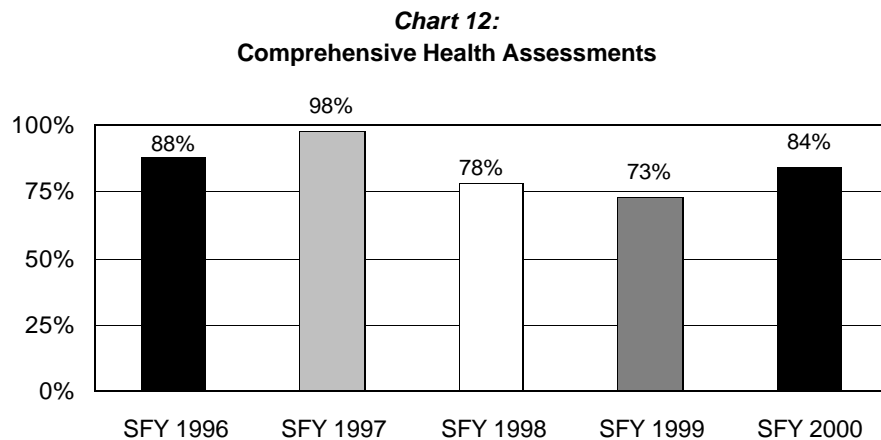
The number of children who required a 24-hour initial health screening during SFY 2000 was 487 children. Of those children, 458 children (94 percent) received the required screening in a timely fashion. The number of children who required a 72-hour initial health screening during SFY 2000 was

2,373 children. Of those children, 2,123 children (89 percent) received the required screening in a timely fashion. While the compliance rate for 72-hour health screenings was below the goal of 90 percent, **the compliance rate for 24-hour health screenings was above the goal of 90 percent.**



Comprehensive Health Assessments

There were 1,928 children who entered foster care between May 1999 and April 2000 and who stayed in foster care 60 or more days. Of these children, 1,623 children (84 percent) received their comprehensive health assessment in a timely fashion. This percentage was up from SFY 1999 (73 percent) compliance rate, yet was still below the goal of 90 percent compliance.



Foster Home Recruitment

DCFS has set a foster home recruitment goal of 80 new foster homes per quarter. The total of new foster homes for SFY

2000 was 512, or

160 percent of the

yearly goal (320).

This was much higher

than any previous

year and

demonstrates the

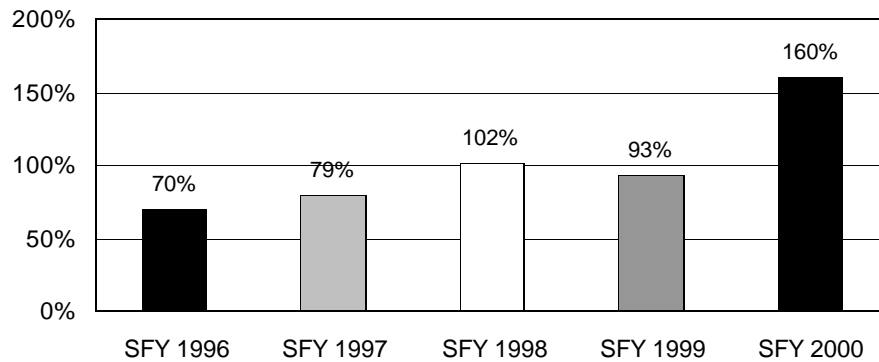
Division's

commitment to

aggressively recruit

new foster homes.

Chart 13:
Foster Home Recruitment



Foster Home Re-evaluations

At the end of SFY 2000 there were 971 active DHS foster homes. Of this number there were 849

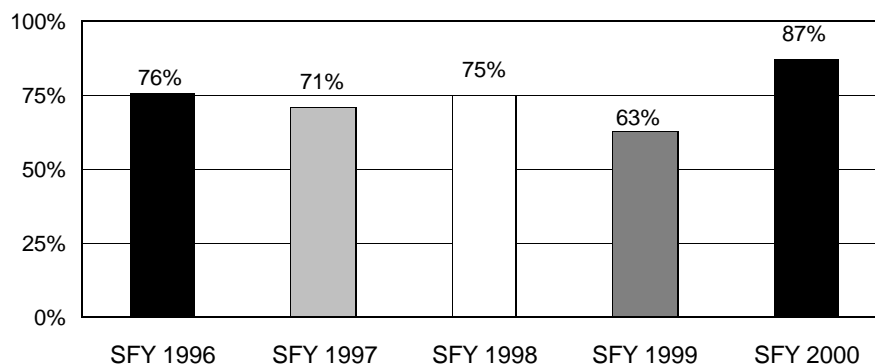
homes with current evaluations, resulting in a compliance rate of 87 percent. This was much higher than

previous years, and was

above the goal of 70

percent compliance.

Chart 14:
Foster Home Re-evaluations



PART III: DESCRIPTION OF POPULATION AND SERVICES**Number and Status of Child Maltreatment Assessments
SFY 2000**

Area	County	Total	True	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
	No selection	3	1	2	0	0	0
		3	1	2	0	0	0
1	Benton (Bentonville)	786	256	505	0	25	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	124	45	75	0	4	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	77	29	46	0	2	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	894	296	561	0	36	1
	Area Total	1,881	626	1,187	0	67	1
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	385	134	235	0	13	3
2	Franklin (Ozark)	111	37	73	0	1	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	171	69	100	0	2	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	99	30	67	0	2	0
2	Logan (Paris)	54	17	37	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	89	26	63	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	788	237	520	0	29	2
2	Yell (Danville)	108	46	60	0	2	0
	Area Total	1,805	596	1,155	0	49	5
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	83	22	56	0	4	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	631	187	432	0	11	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	201	44	153	0	3	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	73	25	47	0	0	1
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	54	15	38	0	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	52	6	45	0	1	0
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	50	20	30	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	175	54	116	0	5	0
3	Saline (Benton)	603	145	442	0	13	3
	Area Total	1,922	518	1,359	0	38	7
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	94	29	64	0	1	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	157	70	84	0	3	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	58	28	30	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	61	20	39	0	2	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	288	102	171	0	15	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	46	13	30	0	2	1
4	Quachita (Camden)	186	79	99	0	7	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	84	33	51	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	257	101	149	0	6	1
	Area Total	1,231	475	717	0	36	3

Area	County	Total	True	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	164	70	88	0	6	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	269	103	161	0	4	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	153	56	94	0	3	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	441	151	283	0	7	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	109	37	69	0	3	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	50	23	27	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	317	106	205	0	6	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	83	23	58	0	2	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	109	46	61	0	2	0
	Area Total	1,695	615	1,046	0	33	1
6	Pulaski (South)	2,208	685	1,427	0	95	1
	Area Total	2,208	685	1,427	0	95	1
7	Bradley (Warren)	74	34	40	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	30	5	24	0	1	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	48	21	26	0	1	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	76	30	42	0	0	4
7	Grant (Sheridan)	108	34	64	0	9	1
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	491	167	283	0	40	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	68	27	39	0	2	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	342	109	215	0	14	4
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	41	17	21	0	3	0
	Area Total	1,278	444	754	0	70	10
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	101	35	64	0	2	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	594	185	385	0	24	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	60	25	30	0	5	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	284	106	167	0	11	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	73	20	46	0	7	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	129	53	73	0	3	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	273	120	142	0	11	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	127	57	69	0	1	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	114	39	73	0	2	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	113	50	60	0	3	0
	Area Total	1,868	690	1,109	0	69	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	121	46	73	1	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	381	144	225	0	12	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	129	45	78	0	6	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	254	75	170	0	9	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	114	33	80	0	1	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	196	67	122	0	7	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	63	21	40	0	2	0
9	White (Searcy)	480	135	334	0	11	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	64	24	37	0	3	0
	Area Total	1,802	590	1,159	1	52	0

Area	County	Total	True	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	51	13	37	0	1	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	44	18	26	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	144	52	91	0	0	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	86	32	53	0	1	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	74	36	37	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	123	48	72	0	3	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	53	15	37	0	1	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	44	14	30	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	19	8	10	0	1	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	216	92	119	0	5	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	181	71	109	0	1	0
	Area Total	1,035	399	621	0	14	1
	Statewide Total	16,728**	5,639	10,536	1	523	29

* "Unsub" = Unsubstantiated; "UTL" = Unable to Locate; "Unknown" = Status of assessment is not identified in CHRIS.

** This total includes both DCFS and FPD assessments.

**Supportive Services, Protective Services, and Foster Care
SFY 2000**

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
	Unknown	0	3	5	0	0	3
	Area Total	0	3	5	0	0	3
1	Benton (Bentonville)	171	348	772	20	36	539
1	Carroll (Berryville)	33	63	129	4	6	100
1	Madison (Huntsville)	25	64	118	0	0	89
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	311	536	1,127	6	9	853
	Area Total	540	1,011	2,146	30	51	1,581
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	147	338	757	15	35	500
2	Franklin (Ozark)	17	41	99	1	6	59
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	51	88	201	4	9	143
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	2	3	1	1	4
2	Logan (Paris)	55	67	169	3	4	125
2	Scott (Waldron)	18	23	58	5	10	46
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	318	325	681	9	15	652
2	Yell (Danville)	11	44	92	5	12	60
	Area Total	618	928	2,060	43	92	1,589
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	132	256	3	6	180
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	205	297	594	117	232	619
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	48	97	191	18	39	163
3	Howard (Nashville)	17	36	71	5	11	58
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	10	17	2	2	27
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	5	8	5
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	8	31	60	0	0	39
3	Polk (Mena)	20	43	92	30	62	93
3	Saline (Benton)	71	278	559	16	37	365
	Area Total	429	924	1,840	196	397	1,549
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	21	52	108	21	53	94
4	Hempstead (Hope)	84	139	315	34	78	257
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	29	30	56	2	3	61
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	68	153	13	30	104
4	Miller (Texarkana)	137	257	558	21	34	415
4	Nevada (Prescott)	22	45	97	4	8	71
4	Quachita (Camden)	74	116	230	12	25	202
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	23	49	116	1	1	73
4	Union (El Dorado)	103	140	284	11	23	254
	Area Total	516	896	1,917	119	255	1,531

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	36	79	167	10	22	125
5	Boone (Harrison)	74	147	326	8	18	229
5	Conway (Morrilton)	26	68	146	2	4	96
5	Faulkner (Conway)	82	264	555	27	51	373
5	Marion (Yellville)	62	88	193	12	33	162
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	22	52	4	6	36
5	Pope (Russellville)	157	281	585	18	29	456
5	Searcy (Marshall)	30	30	60	9	20	69
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	51	81	178	4	5	136
	Area Total	528	1,060	2,262	94	188	1,682
6	Pulaski	6	0	0	6	20	12
6	Pulaski (East)	76	68	146	6	16	150
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	66	159	330	13	30	238
6	Pulaski (North)	176	245	504	9	18	430
6	Pulaski (South)	399	475	955	13	23	887
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	187	415	17	35	363
	Area Total	882	1,134	2,350	64	142	2,080
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	46	99	3	7	96
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	18	30	2	3	31
7	Cleveland (Rison)	22	18	35	1	1	41
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	46	90	6	19	77
7	Grant (Sheridan)	38	49	101	15	21	102
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	295	338	806	16	40	649
7	Lincoln (Star City)	36	27	50	2	6	65
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	49	101	216	9	16	159
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	19	62	125	7	12	88
	Area Total	542	705	1,552	61	125	1,308
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	33	47	107	19	29	99
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	98	266	615	33	78	397
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	34	77	10	23	68
8	Greene (Paragould)	75	152	349	37	77	264
8	Izard (Melbourne)	28	58	135	8	17	94
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	23	56	132	13	31	92
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	14	53	133	2	2	69
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	35	117	313	8	17	160
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	22	45	98	7	17	74
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	21	49	129	9	26	79
	Area Total	373	877	2,088	146	317	1,396

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	33	84	191	7	14	124
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	96	219	581	33	67	348
9	Cross (Wynne)	44	116	300	9	20	169
9	Independence (Batesville)	59	102	224	5	9	166
9	Jackson (Newport)	21	54	120	4	7	79
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	51	94	221	9	14	154
9	Stone (Mountain View)	11	23	61	6	9	40
9	White (Searcy)	150	252	604	15	33	417
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	15	40	108	1	4	56
	Area Total	480	984	2,410	89	177	1,553
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	5	25	51	2	2	32
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	12	56	96	14	23	82
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	26	83	166	9	16	118
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	56	71	137	11	29	138
10	Desha (McGehee)	44	53	123	9	14	106
10	Drew (Monticello)	129	105	215	7	14	241
10	Lee (Marianna)	48	51	127	8	25	107
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	10	40	117	4	14	54
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	91	249	5	15	157
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	74	106	332	28	79	208
	Area Total	465	681	1,613	97	231	1,243
99	State Office	113	98	195	9	15	220
	Area Total	113	98	195	9	15	220
	Statewide Total	5,486	9,301	20,438	948	1,990	15,735

* Any child in foster care is counted as a foster care case, while multiple children in the same family who remain in the home are counted as a single protective services case. For example, a family with four children, two of whom are in foster care while the other two children remain in the home, would be counted as three cases—two foster care cases and a single protective services case.

Foster Care Children by Age
SFY 2000

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15 years	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	171	71	40	28	32	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	33	9	4	12	8	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	25	12	4	6	3	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	311	91	96	51	73	0
	Area Total	540	183	144	97	116	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	147	35	54	19	39	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	17	5	4	7	1	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	51	24	11	5	11	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	1	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	55	16	14	10	15	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	18	5	0	6	7	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	318	107	87	41	83	0
2	Yell (Danville)	11	5	4	0	2	0
	Area Total	618	198	174	88	158	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	11	19	8	7	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	205	55	58	33	59	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	48	17	6	13	12	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	17	3	5	3	6	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	5	4	0	6	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	8	5	2	0	1	0
3	Polk (Mena)	20	6	2	3	9	0
3	Saline (Benton)	71	15	15	17	24	0
	Area Total	429	117	111	77	124	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	21	6	2	5	8	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	84	30	14	14	26	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	29	5	12	4	8	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	7	5	5	6	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	137	48	30	18	40	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	22	3	8	2	9	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	74	18	21	13	22	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	23	8	7	3	5	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	103	22	29	22	30	0
	Area Total	516	147	128	86	154	1
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	36	16	7	5	8	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	74	14	21	10	29	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	26	6	12	4	4	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	82	28	21	12	21	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	62	16	14	11	21	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	2	2	3	3	0

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15 years	Unknown
5	Pope (Russellville)	157	40	38	36	43	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	30	7	7	4	12	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	51	16	15	5	15	0
	Area Total	528	145	137	90	156	0
6	Pulaski	6	1	3	1	1	0
6	Pulaski (East)	76	25	24	6	21	0
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	66	27	14	13	12	0
6	Pulaski (North)	176	45	55	28	48	0
6	Pulaski (South)	399	123	113	65	98	0
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	57	39	25	38	0
	Area Total	882	278	248	138	218	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	12	11	10	14	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	1	4	2	4	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	22	9	6	4	3	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	3	9	7	6	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	38	11	7	8	12	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	295	84	81	57	73	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	36	9	2	7	18	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	49	19	8	11	11	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	19	7	4	2	6	0
	Area Total	542	155	132	108	147	0
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	33	11	8	8	6	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	98	31	32	16	19	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	10	8	5	1	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	75	24	32	15	4	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	28	6	10	5	7	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	23	10	4	4	5	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	14	2	6	2	4	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	35	17	7	1	10	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	22	5	9	5	3	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	21	6	4	4	7	0
	Area Total	373	122	120	65	66	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	33	9	7	7	10	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	96	29	36	15	16	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	44	21	12	6	5	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	59	28	16	4	11	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	21	11	5	3	2	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	51	16	18	10	7	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	11	5	2	3	1	0
9	White (Searcy)	150	43	38	25	44	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	15	3	3	4	5	0
	Area Total	480	165	137	77	101	0

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15 years	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	5	1	0	1	3	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	12	3	5	3	1	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	26	6	4	5	11	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	56	7	12	9	28	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	44	6	12	10	16	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	129	29	24	29	47	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	48	9	19	8	12	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	10	6	2	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	18	18	8	17	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	74	21	21	19	13	0
	Area Total	465	106	117	92	150	0
99	State Office	113	34	29	13	37	0
	Area Total	113	34	29	13	37	0
	Statewide Total	5.486	1.650	1.477	931	1.427	1

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

**Foster Care Children by Gender
SFY 2000**

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
1	Benton (Bentonville)	171	87	84
1	Carroll (Berryville)	33	18	15
1	Madison (Huntsville)	25	13	12
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	311	136	175
	Area Total	540	254	286
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	147	77	70
2	Franklin (Ozark)	17	6	11
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	51	24	27
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	55	26	29
2	Scott (Waldron)	18	5	13
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	318	152	166
2	Yell (Danville)	11	6	5
	Area Total	618	296	322
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	26	19
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	205	95	110
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	48	21	27
3	Howard (Nashville)	17	11	6
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	4	11
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	8	3	5
3	Polk (Mena)	20	8	12
3	Saline (Benton)	71	35	36
	Area Total	429	203	226
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	21	14	7
4	Hempstead (Hope)	84	40	44
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	29	10	19
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	12	11
4	Miller (Texarkana)	137	58	79
4	Nevada (Prescott)	22	9	13
4	Quachita (Camden)	74	41	33
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	23	7	16
4	Union (El Dorado)	103	42	61
	Area Total	516	233	283
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	36	23	13
5	Boone (Harrison)	74	42	32
5	Conway (Morrilton)	26	13	13
5	Faulkner (Conway)	82	40	42
5	Marion (Yellville)	62	23	39
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	3	7

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
5	Pope (Russellville)	157	78	79
5	Searcy (Marshall)	30	19	11
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	51	26	25
	Area Total	528	267	261
6	Pulaski	6	1	5
6	Pulaski (East)	76	35	41
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	66	29	37
6	Pulaski (North)	176	82	94
6	Pulaski (South)	399	198	201
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	79	80
	Area Total	882	424	458
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	28	19
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	5	6
7	Cleveland (Rison)	22	7	15
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	13	12
7	Grant (Sheridan)	38	23	15
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	295	146	149
7	Lincoln (Star City)	36	17	19
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	49	26	23
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	19	10	9
	Area Total	542	275	267
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	33	16	17
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	98	44	54
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	13	11
8	Greene (Paragould)	75	35	40
8	Izard (Melbourne)	28	13	15
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	23	11	12
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	14	5	9
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	35	16	19
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	22	13	9
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	21	11	10
	Area Total	373	177	196
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	33	16	17
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	96	47	49
9	Cross (Wynne)	44	32	12
9	Independence (Batesville)	59	27	32
9	Jackson (Newport)	21	10	11
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	51	21	30
9	Stone (Mountain View)	11	4	7
9	White (Searcy)	150	80	70
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	15	10	5
	Area Total	480	247	233

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	5	3	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	12	4	8
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	26	11	15
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	56	26	30
10	Desha (McGehee)	44	17	27
10	Drew (Monticello)	129	62	67
10	Lee (Marianna)	48	24	24
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	10	6	4
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	28	33
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	74	33	41
	Area Total	465	214	251
99	State Office	113	55	58
	Area Total	113	55	58
	Statewide Total	5.486	2.645	2.841

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

**Foster Care Children by Race
SFY 2000**

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	174	148	8	2	0	6	10
1	Carroll (Berryville)	33	30	0	0	0	0	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	311	280	19	1	0	3	8
	Area Total	543	483	27	3	0	9	21
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	147	123	15	0	1	0	8
2	Franklin (Ozark)	17	15	2	0	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	51	45	5	0	0	1	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	55	51	4	0	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	18	16	0	1	0	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	323	242	68	2	0	4	7
2	Yell (Danville)	11	10	1	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	623	503	95	3	1	5	16
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	21	21	0	0	0	3
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	207	153	46	0	0	0	8
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	49	34	14	0	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	17	7	10	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	14	1	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	8	5	3	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	20	20	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	71	68	2	0	0	0	1
	Area Total	432	322	97	0	0	0	13
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	21	8	13	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	86	34	47	0	0	0	5
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	29	15	14	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	17	4	0	0	0	2
4	Miller (Texarkana)	137	83	46	0	0	0	8
4	Nevada (Prescott)	22	10	11	0	0	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	74	20	53	0	0	1	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	23	20	2	0	0	0	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	104	32	70	0	0	1	1
	Area Total	519	239	260	0	0	2	18
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	36	34	1	1	0	0	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	74	71	1	0	0	0	2
5	Conway (Morrilton)	27	20	3	0	1	0	3
5	Faulkner (Conway)	84	69	8	0	0	0	7
5	Marion (Yellville)	62	59	1	0	0	0	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	10	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
5	Pope (Russellville)	160	132	25	0	0	1	2
5	Searcy (Marshall)	30	28	0	0	0	0	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	51	47	4	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	534	470	43	1	1	1	18
6	Pulaski	6	3	3	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	76	8	68	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	67	46	21	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (North)	179	48	126	1	1	0	3
6	Pulaski (South)	399	116	274	0	1	0	8
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	160	51	107	0	0	0	2
	Area Total	887	272	599	1	2	0	13
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	23	23	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	12	5	7	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	22	19	3	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	10	15	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	38	26	11	0	0	0	1
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	296	70	218	0	0	2	6
7	Lincoln (Star City)	36	17	19	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	49	47	2	0	0	0	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	19	14	4	0	0	0	1
	Area Total	544	231	302	0	0	2	9
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	33	33	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	98	70	26	0	0	0	2
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	22	2	0	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	75	74	1	0	0	0	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	28	27	0	0	0	1	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	23	22	1	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	14	5	9	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	35	19	12	0	0	0	4
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	22	22	0	0	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	21	21	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	373	315	51	0	0	1	6
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	34	25	4	3	0	0	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	96	17	76	0	0	0	3
9	Cross (Wynne)	44	22	22	0	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	59	47	12	0	0	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	21	11	10	0	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	51	40	7	2	0	0	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	11	11	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	154	115	27	4	0	5	3
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	15	8	7	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	485	296	165	9	0	5	10

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	5	2	3	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	13	4	6	0	0	0	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	26	13	10	0	1	0	2
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	56	7	48	0	0	0	1
10	Desha (McGehee)	44	24	19	0	0	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	129	55	72	0	0	0	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	48	15	31	0	0	0	2
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	10	0	10	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	13	46	0	0	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	74	17	57	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	466	150	302	0	1	0	13
99	State Office	113	61	48	0	0	0	4
	Area Total	113	61	48	0	0	0	4
	Statewide Total*	5,519	3,342	1,989	17	5	25	141

* Children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total seen here (5,519) is greater than totals seen in the other foster care demographic tables (5,486).

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

**Length of Time Children are in Foster Care
SFY 2000**

Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
1	Benton (Bentonville)	173	46	23	39	26	28	4	7
1	Carroll (Berryville)	34	10	3	6	7	3	2	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	23	3	4	7	3	3	3	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	303	28	43	52	58	67	20	35
	Area Total	533	87	73	104	94	101	29	45
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	162	29	11	26	33	31	19	13
2	Franklin (Ozark)	15	3	2	3	2	1	0	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	55	4	7	5	3	9	6	21
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	48	12	2	0	3	16	5	10
2	Scott (Waldron)	14	4	6	3	1	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	318	34	47	38	70	48	36	45
2	Yell (Danville)	11	3	3	0	3	1	0	1
	Area Total	624	89	78	76	115	106	66	94
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	52	10	4	6	14	7	6	5
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	205	40	33	47	34	36	6	9
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	49	9	7	5	9	13	3	3
3	Howard (Nashville)	23	4	2	7	3	4	2	1
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	14	6	1	2	2	1	1	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	5	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	18	4	1	5	5	1	2	0
3	Saline (Benton)	73	21	8	4	17	9	8	6
	Area Total	439	94	57	76	84	72	31	25
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	23	2	2	2	7	4	4	2
4	Hempstead (Hope)	81	16	15	12	17	5	9	7
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	30	10	5	1	9	1	1	3
4	Little River (Ashdown)	27	6	4	4	3	6	0	4
4	Miller (Texarkana)	154	24	20	33	26	27	7	17
4	Nevada (Prescott)	18	1	4	1	4	3	4	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	76	15	8	7	21	12	5	8
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	25	10	4	3	2	4	0	2
4	Union (El Dorado)	92	8	12	6	24	27	2	13
	Area Total	526	92	74	69	113	89	32	57
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	39	5	7	5	12	2	4	4
5	Boone (Harrison)	79	10	12	10	18	12	7	10
5	Conway (Morrilton)	25	3	7	2	7	5	1	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	76	17	19	12	14	7	2	5
5	Marion (Yellville)	52	14	6	2	8	11	5	6
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	1	1	2	2	0	2	1

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5	Pope (Russellville)	178	37	25	23	39	30	11	13
5	Searcy (Marshall)	28	2	1	10	4	7	3	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	47	7	4	5	11	12	2	6
	Area Total	533	96	82	71	115	86	37	46
6	Pulaski	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Pulaski (East)	69	4	8	2	9	20	10	16
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	66	10	19	4	8	16	5	4
6	Pulaski (North)	195	27	37	17	38	21	30	25
6	Pulaski (South)	387	35	37	20	61	102	60	72
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	147	18	23	19	24	20	20	23
	Area Total	870	98	124	62	140	179	125	142
7	Bradley (Warren)	49	2	8	3	11	16	3	6
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	12	2	0	0	3	4	2	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	30	4	4	4	10	5	0	3
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	29	3	1	3	9	8	3	2
7	Grant (Sheridan)	30	2	6	2	5	4	4	7
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	305	80	54	35	45	31	20	40
7	Lincoln (Star City)	35	2	5	11	4	5	4	4
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	48	8	6	18	8	5	1	2
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	14	3	1	1	4	5	0	0
	Area Total	552	106	85	77	99	83	37	65
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	29	7	3	6	8	4	0	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	95	12	16	12	28	16	7	4
8	Fulton (Salem)	27	4	3	2	4	8	3	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	79	8	13	7	23	20	5	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	31	13	6	1	5	5	0	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	24	11	4	4	0	3	1	1
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	9	2	1	0	0	2	0	4
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	36	3	12	4	7	3	1	6
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	19	7	2	2	2	0	5	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	26	6	3	5	3	7	0	2
	Area Total	375	73	63	43	80	68	22	26
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	27	9	0	6	6	4	0	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	103	20	11	21	18	12	13	8
9	Cross (Wynne)	50	9	8	7	7	12	3	4
9	Independence (Batesville)	63	7	3	2	12	12	12	15
9	Jackson (Newport)	23	6	3	4	5	3	1	1
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	51	13	3	10	6	13	4	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	12	5	4	0	0	0	2	1
9	White (Searcy)	141	29	22	32	20	20	6	12
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	12	1	3	1	4	1	0	2
	Area Total	482	99	57	83	78	77	41	47

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10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	11	3	5	0	0	1	1	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	34	3	4	5	7	5	3	7
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	54	6	7	2	10	13	4	12
10	Desha (McGehee)	44	8	6	14	8	3	4	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	115	7	9	23	25	20	12	19
10	Lee (Marianna)	44	0	3	1	3	6	8	23
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	8	0	1	1	3	0	2	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	59	11	1	5	7	8	9	18
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	76	4	5	6	9	25	5	22
	Area Total	449	42	41	58	72	81	50	105
	State Office	103	9	8	11	16	26	11	22
		103	9	8	11	16	26	11	22
	Statewide Total	5,486	885	742	730	1,006	968	481	674

* These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time. The lengths of stay for these children were arrived at by determining the number of days between a child's entry date into foster care and his/her exit date from foster care, or the end of the fiscal year, whichever came first.

Adoptions SFY 2000

Characteristics of Children

There were 352 children placed in adoptive homes during SFY 2000, up from 305 in SFY 1999. The following tables show the breakdowns of these children by age, gender, and race.⁴

Age	Number of Children
0 to 5 years	161
6 to 11 years	110
12 to 18 years	79
18+ years	1
Total*	351
Gender	Number of Children
Male	180
Female	171
Total*	351
Race	Number of Children
Caucasian	217
African-American	126
Other	8
Total*	351
* Demographic information has not been entered into CHRIS for 1 child.	

Special Needs

There were 282 children with special needs who were placed during SFY 2000. The following table outlines the number of children with specific needs. The number of children will exceed 282, due to the fact that many of the children had more than one special need condition.

Special Need Condition	Number of Children
Race	100
Age	161
Medical problems	62
Emotional problems	139
Learning problems	69
Member of sibling group	168

⁴ The Division's Quality Assurance Unit provided the data for the characteristics of children placed in adoptive homes. The Division's Adoptions Unit provided all other information in this adoption section.

Subsidized Adoptions

There were 349 new subsidized adoptions approved in SFY 2000, with 332 federally funded and 17 state funded.

Disruptions

A disruption of an adoptive placement occurs when a family who had accepted a child for adoption decides not to proceed with finalization and the child is removed from the home. Twenty-six disruptions occurred in SFY 2000, compared to 9 disruptions in the previous fiscal year.

Non-Foster Parent Adoptive Homes

- Awaiting Children at the Beginning of the Year.....148
- New Homes Approved During the Year.....104
- Total During the year.....252
- Homes in Which Children Were Placed During the Year89
- Approved Adoptive Homes Closed at the End of the Year16
- Number of Homes Awaiting Children147

Children Waiting for Adoption

There are currently 418 children waiting for adoption, with 314 children waiting for adoption by non-foster parents and 104 children waiting for adoption by foster parents. The following tables describe the demographics of these children.

Demographics of Children Waiting for Adoption by Non-Foster Parents

Age	Black	White	Mix (B/W)	Mix (NB/W) ⁵	Other	Total
0-1	4	2	1	0	0	7
2-6	35	25	0	0	0	60
7-12	75	70	1	0	0	146
13-17	43	57	1	0	0	101
Total	157	154	3	0	0	314

Demographics of Children Waiting for Adoption by Foster Parents

Age	Black	White	Mix (B/W)	Mix (NB/W)	Other	Total
0-1	2	5	0	0	1	8
2-6	19	15	0	0	2	36
7-12	24	15	1	0	1	41
13-17	10	8	1	0	0	19
Total	55	43	2	0	4	104

⁵ Non-black and white.